



MACOMB COUNTY 4-H YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM is designed to give 4-H youth members 12 years old and over the opportunity to develop their commitment to community service and to develop their leadership skills and skills in public speaking, writing and organization as they work to promote 4-H.

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

A 4-H Ambassador is a leadership role in two distinct areas:

1. community service
2. promotion of 4-H on the club and community level

A. **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** An Ambassador has several general purposes:

1. To coordinate community service activities at the club level *and to help plan and carry out a community level community service project.*
2. To plan and implement individual community service projects and activities.
3. To become certified as an Ambassador by completing twenty hours of community service. (*Community service hours include those used in planning, carrying out, and evaluating the service project.*)

B. **PROMOTING 4-H:** An Ambassador fulfills this role in several ways:

1. By promoting 4-H to potential members, leaders, and the general public. (*This can be done through school and after-school presentations, through summer programs and presentations to service clubs – check with teacher or principal; program promotion at special events – eg. open house at school or display table at a craft show; displays at school or local library, etc., check with department of parks and recreation or service clubs for other opportunities.*)
2. By assisting in development and delivery of the county 4-H Ambassador program. (*For example, participation in county level Ambassador meetings.*)
3. By assisting in development of new 4-H clubs. (*New clubs may request Ambassador assistance.*)

Naturally, as an Ambassador you will become a role model for younger members in your club and community. They will look to you for leadership and guidance. A strong 4-H Ambassador works to promote community awareness, support and participation in 4-H.

Any member wishing to be an Ambassador should enroll in project area AG (Volunteerism), AH (Service Learning/Community Service) or FF (Leadership Skills Development). This will facilitate communication of information related to the Ambassador program. (Ambassadors might also consider applying for county and state awards in these project areas.)

The Ambassador Award for Community Service is designed to recognize teens 12 and over who have fulfilled the general purposes of an Ambassador and have completed a minimum of twenty hours of community service on behalf of 4-H. Receiving this award serves as certification for 4-H Ambassador. Award nomination forms are sent with the County Award packet in early August. The member's Ambassador service log sheet is sent in with the award application. Award applications may be turned in through the year as requirements are completed. Certificates are awarded accordingly. Recognition of all members who achieved Ambassador status during the year is given at the Awards Recognition Program in November.

The Role of MSUE 4-H:

MSUE will support the 4-H Ambassador program in the following ways:

- Provide training opportunities and materials to Ambassadors
- Identify community based service opportunities
- Provide recognition of Ambassadors via the county newsletter (Family Notes) and through the County Awards Program

Provide tools to help assess impact of Ambassador's service to their community.

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